

**WYCOMBE** Wanderers' supporters are amply compensated for the loss of the pre-season friendly with Skelmersdale.

Instead the Blues have arranged for another crack Northern squad, Altrincham, to travel down to Loakes Park on Saturday, August 5 (3 p.m.).

Altrincham's new boss . . . Roy Rees, former Skems manager who switched clubs late last season.

Wanderers return to training on Thursday and make their first public showing away from home on July 29. They will be visiting Waterloooville, the nursery club of Portsmouth F.C., currently preparing for their second season in the Southern League.

The gap between seasons was bridged last Thursday with the club's dinner-dance at the Windsor Lodge Hotel, Little Kingshill.

It was a private affair for officials, players and a few invited guests. The informal

## summer scene

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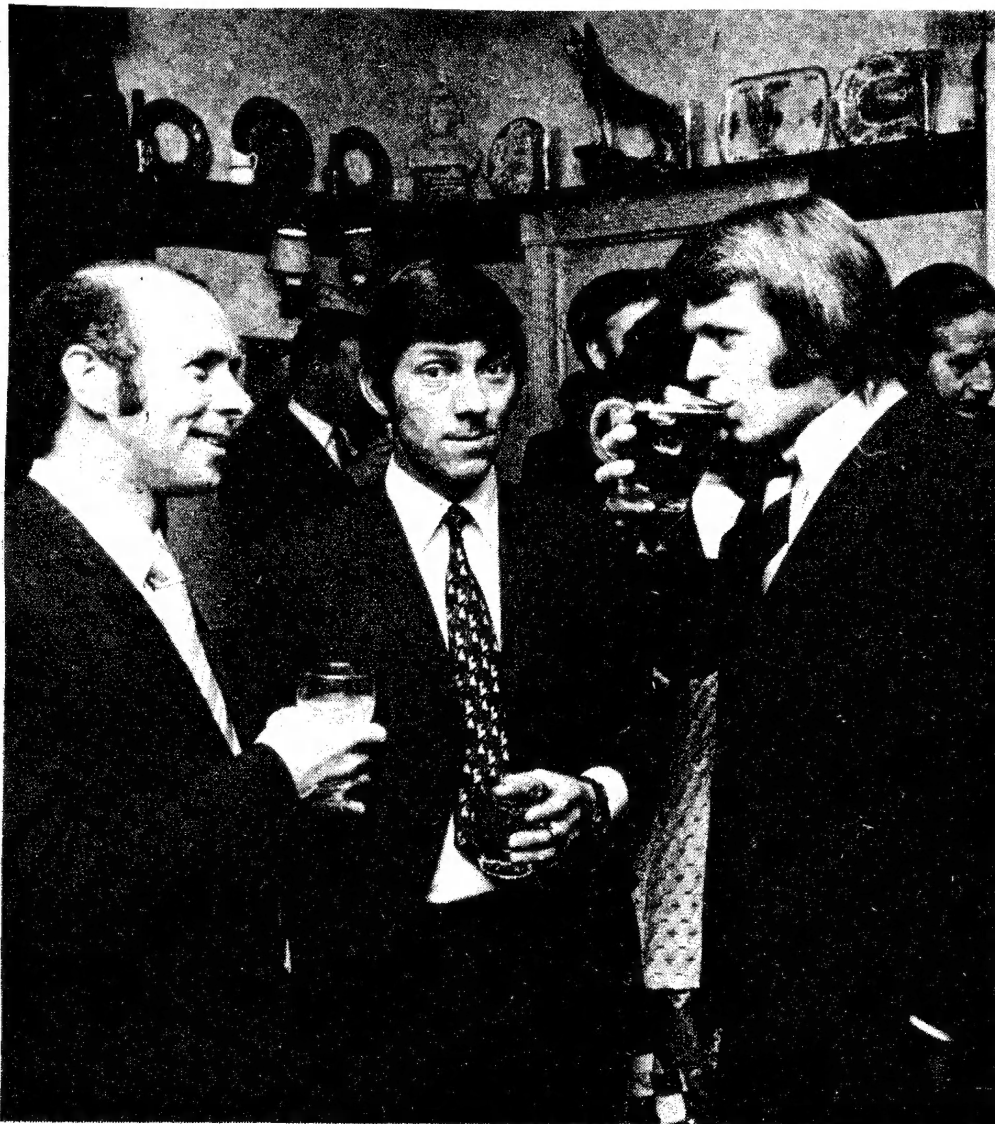
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tone of the evening showed up in short, light hearted speeches from chairman Jack Smethurst and captain John Delaney.

But through the humour emerged a clear message bidding a sad farewell to Ted Powell, the international bound for a coaching role at Kingstonian after two years in the Loakes Park squad.

Main tribute came from John: "I for one will miss Ted. He is a tremendous influence on the park, and a great lad to have in the side—always cool, calm and collected."

Almost the entire 1971-72 line-up, including Ted, attended the dinner-dance. One of the few absentees, Mick Hollifield, was away on a cricket tour.



A smiling Ted Powell rounds off his stay with Wycombe Wanderers with a drink and a chat to Derek Gamblin (centre) and Kevin O'Brien (right) before the club dinner-dance at the Windsor Lodge Hotel on Thursday night.